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(C) On September 15, Poloffs shared reftel message on Iran with Counselor Panayiotis Papadopoulos in the Cyprus MFA's Multilateral Affairs Department. Papadopoulos stated that the GOC supports a diplomatic solution to the issue of Iran's nuclear program and views it as "good news" that Iran will be meeting with the "P5 1" on October 1. Papadopoulos also stated that the GOC stands behind all international treaties concerning non-proliferation and agrees that Iran should live up to obligations in this regard. As to specific action the GOC might take to pressure Iran, Panayiotis stressed that Cyprus would work within the EU and follow its lead regarding any particular course of action, including further sanctions against the Iranian government. URBANCIC